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SUBJECT: TRAVEL POLICY IN GDR AND IN BERLIN: DOCUMENTATION FOR US

EMBASSY DEPENDENTS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE

REF: (A) STATE 073593 (NOTAL); (B) BERLIN 5459 (NOTAL)

1. ON BASIS OF REF (A) WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF DOCUMENTING OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH OFFICIALS OF THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, MFA. THEY REJECTED OUR FIRST CHOICE OF GDR DIPLOMATIC ID CARDS, BECAUSE THEIR OWN NATIONAL ID CARD SYSTEM DOES NOT EXTEND TO GDR CITIZENS UNDER 14 YEARS. WE BELIEVE, MOREOVER, THAT PURSUING THIS QUESTION MIGHT RESULT IN GDR REQUEST FOR RECIPROCITY FOR THEIR DEPENDENTS IN WASHINGTON. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION THEREFORE REVOLVED AROUND FORM OF AN EMBASSY-ISSUED DOCUMENT WITH GDR AUTHENTICATION.

2. WE HAVE NOW REACHED TENTATIVE UNDERSTANDING ON THE FOLLOW-
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ING DOCUMENT: A CARD 5 X 3-1/2 INCHES, IDENTIFYING

THE CHILD BY NAME,DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, IDENTIFY OF AND RELATIONSHIP TO PRINCIPAL, U.S. DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT NUMBER, AND PHOTO. IT WOULD BE IN GERMAN, LABELLED "PASSERSATZDOCUMENT" (DOCUMENT SUBSTITUTING FOR A PASSPORT), BE NUMBERED SERIALY BY THE EMBASSY, AND SIGNED AND SEALED BY THE CONSULAR OFFICER. ON OBVERSE SIDE, MFA WOULD PLACE A MULTIPLE-ENTRY DIPLOMATIC VISA VALID FOR ONE YEAR. AFTER BOTH EMBASSY AND MFA COMPLETE DOCUMENT, IT WOULD BE LAMINATED.

3. COMMENT: THROUGHOUT DISCUSSIONS, GDR OFFICIALS INDICATED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED TO AVOID PASSPORT LOSS-A POSSIBILITY THEY ALSO DISLIKE. THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY VIEW THIS QUESTION AS ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL. OTHER EMBASSIES HERE, INCLUDING THE FRENCH, ACCEPT THIS PATTERN OF DOCUMENTATION. THUS US ACCEPTANCE WOULD BREAK NO NEW GROUND IN TERMS OF PRACTICE HERE.

4. AS SCHOOL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 2, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS PROMPT DEPARTMENTAL CONCURRENCE, SO THAT WE MAY APPROPRIATELY PREPARE AND ISSUE CARDS.
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